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## **Missouri Public Service Commission**

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### **PSC APPROVES MISSOURI GAS ENERGY APPLICATION**

Jefferson City (September 28, 2001)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an application which authorizes Missouri Gas Energy (MGE) to make certain changes to its Safety Line Replacement Program. Those proposed changes relate to implementation of an ongoing cast iron main replacement program, and to continued service and yard line replacement.

On September 6, 2001, the Public Service Commission Staff filed a memorandum with the Commission generally recommending the application be approved. Staff stated that MGE's past and current replacement programs for service and yard lines have resulted in the replacement of more than 230,000 service and yard lines. MGE's cast iron main replacement program resulted in the replacement of nearly 300 miles of cast iron mains. That program ended in 2000. MGE's application includes a new long-term replacement program for cast iron mains as required by state law. In addition to cast iron main replacements, the application proposes a more comprehensive program that covers the repair of cast iron joint leaks and the replacement of copper service lines. The application also affects the inspection and replacement of protected bare steel mains and unprotected steel service and yard lines.

The Commission stated in its order approving the application: "The Commission has considered the application filed by MGE, along with the Recommendation and Memorandum filed by Staff (PSC Staff). The Commission concludes that MGE's proposed changes to its existing Safety Line Replacement Program will enhance the safety of its gas distribution system. The application should be approved."

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